

United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Mississippi

NOTICE

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Mississippi will begin Online Credit Card Payments on September 25, 2006. With this new enhancement, attorney filers will pay any incurred filing fees in CM/ECF with a credit card at the time of filing or by the close of business on the day of the filing. The Court will no longer charge the user's credit card account number on file with the Clerk's Office as online payments will be the only method of payment after this date.

Overview

The *Pay.gov* Online Credit Card Module for ECF is designed to do the following:

- Allow attorney filers to pay filing fees to the U. S. Treasury interactively as part of the electronic filing process.
- Provide an improved tracking and record keeping method for paid fees.
- Discontinue the current requirement to provide the Clerk's office with updated hard-copy credit card authorization and account information.

Attorney benefits

Attorneys can:

- Pay filing fees with a credit card over the Internet at any time.
- Review their Internet credit card transaction payment history.
- Review any outstanding payments due to the Court.
- Request online payment of unpaid balances.

Upon the successful submission of a document requiring a filing fee, the attorney filer will pay the filing fee online. After payment is made, the online payment of fees will show a receipt entry that is automatically posted to the docket sheet for the case(s). This entry will include the filing fee and the receipt number.

Technical Notes

All CM/ECF users making fee payments by Internet credit card through *Pay.gov* MUST use Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher as their browser. This is the only browser supported by the most recent version of the Treasury's Pay.gov system.

Your Browser needs 128-bit encryption enabled to pay over the Internet.

Follow the instructions below to determine if your Miscrosoft Internet Explorer browser supports 128-bit encryption.

- 1. Click on the "Help" tab on your menu bar at the top of the screen
- 2. Scroll down and select "About Internet Explorer"
- 3. A small window appears in the center of your screen indicating the version, as well as the encryption or cipher strength of your browser (either 40-bit, 56-bit, or 128-bit). If the screen indicates you have a 40-bit or 56-bit version, or if it does not indicate the encryption level, you will need to upgrade to a version with 128-bit encryption.

Please watch for additional information coming soon. The Court appreciates your continued support and participation as we continue to provide enhancements to the CM/ECF program.

CHARLENE J. KENNEDY, CLERK UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT